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steamship *Puerto Rico*, from Barcelona, Valencia, Torrevieja, Malaga, Gibraltar, Las Palmas, Teneriffe, and La Palma, with 7 immigrants.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the week ended April 13, 1901.

PONCE, P. R., *April 15, 1901.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended April 13, 1901: April 13, Spanish steamship *Puerto Rico*, from Barcelona, Torrevieja, Malaga, Gibraltar, Las Palmas, Teneriffe, Santa Cruz, San Juan, P. R., Mayaguez, P. R., with 3 immigrants.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Another death from plague at Singapore.

SINGAPORE, *March 15, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform the Department that since the occurrence of 2 cases of plague on February 25 last, reported in my No. 183 of the 1st instant, only 1 case has since been reported, on the 6th of the current month, as per inclosed copy of letter from the colonial secretary of this colony. In regard to cholera, there have been no further cases reported since the 2d instant. The health condition of this city, in respect of these diseases, has certainly much improved and gives ground for hope that the precautionary measures taken by the authorities will prove successful in stamping them out.

Respectfully,

J. M. CAMPBELL,
Acting United States Vice and Deputy Consul-General.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

Deaths at Singapore during February, 1901.

MANILA, P. I., *March 26, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith mortality report of Singapore for the month of February, 1901. This report was compiled by the registrar of births and deaths of Singapore and furnished this office by the United States consul-general at that city.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Settlement of Singapore mortality report for the month of February, 1901.

	Male.	Female.	Total.		Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths from—				Ages at death—Cont'd.			
Convulsion	11	9	20	1 year to 5 years.....	9	10	19
Bronchitis	16	10	26	5 to 10 years.....	8	4	12
Fever	91	25	116	10 to 20 years.....	24	10	34
Dysentery.....	16	1	17	20 to 25 years.....	45	16	61
Diarrhea.....	19	2	21	25 to 35 years.....	134	18	152
Cholera.....	13	3	16	35 to 45 years.....	115	15	130
Smallpox.....	1	1	2	45 to 55 years.....	63	10	73
Beriberi	81	12	93	55 to 75 years.....	49	13	62
Heart	8	1	9	75 and above	6	4	10
Phthisis	85	25	110	Total	520	147	667
Injuries	4	.....	4	Nationalities—			
Debility and age.....	78	24	102	Europeans.....	3	4	7
Bubonic plague.....	6	.....	6	Eurasians.....	.....	3	3
Other causes.....	88	33	121	Chinese.....	395	91	486
Unknown	3	1	4	Malays.....	65	31	486
Total	520	147	667	Indians.....	49	17	66
Ages at death—				Other nations.....	2	1	3
Unknown	10	.....	10	Unknown.....	6	.....	6
Under 3 months	38	38	66	Total	520	147	667
3 months and under 1 year	19	19	38				

Ratio per 1,000 of population, 31.84.

TURKEY.

[Report No. 263.]

*Sanitary report from Constantinople.***CONSTANTINOPLE, April 11, 1901.**

SIR: About 300,000 pilgrims have been this year to Mecca for the pilgrimage, which is already over. I am glad to state that no epidemic disease whatever has broken out; therefore, the pilgrims will be able to come back home without undergoing any but the quarantine which, according to the regulations, they must undergo at El Tor, in the Red Sea.

The sanitary news from the provinces is good. As I have already reported February 29, influenza has raged fiercely in the villayet of Bitlis, where nearly all the cases have proved fatal. According to the last official sanitary news, public health there is good. In spite of this good news, the Bulgarian, as well as the Roumanian Government has subjected to ten days' quarantine the arrivals from Trebizond. The international sanitary board has decided to address a request on the subject to the Ottoman Government and invoke its action in order to prevent this useless hindrance to commerce.

The 9th instant a fatal case of bubonic plague occurred in Alexandria. It has been decided, therefore, that ships and passengers arriving from this town would undergo an observation of forty-eight hours and the wearing apparel be disinfected.

In Constantinople the epidemics of measles, scarlet fever, and influenza prevail. There are, as always, some cases of typhoid fever. From March 11 to the 8th instant, 1,174 deaths have been registered. Of these, 11 are from diphtheria, 13 from measles, 19 from scarlet fever, 20 from typhoid fever, and 58 from acute inflammation of the respiratory system.

Respectfully,

SPIRIDION C. ZAVITZIANO,
United States Sanitary Commissioner.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

U. S. Marine Hospital Service.